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1. The 1949 production plan for the Schleiz (M 51/J 82) antimony mine provides for a quarterly production of 50 tons of antimony ore, which corresponds to an output of 5 tons of pure antimony bars. The actual capacity of the mine is 120 tons of ore per quarter or 21 tons of antimony.
2. The large part of the produced antimony was consumed by indirect reparation deliveries, i.e. by the metal industry of the Soviet Zone of Germany. The "Leuna" Plant as the main consumer of the Soviet Zone receives about 1.7 tons per month. Nothing is allocated for civilian requirements.

Comment:

- a. The production of antimony ore was started in the "Half-Moon" pit by the Thuringian Raw Material Corp. (Thueringer Rohstoff AG) in Oberboehmsdorf near Schmeiz at the beginning of 1947. The antimony ore deposit of Oberboehmsdorf covers an area of 18 square km. Antimony ore lodes of 0.25 to 2.5 meter thickness are exploited on four levels. The antimony ore mine was expropriated and nationalized at the beginning of 1948. According to a statement by Huettenrauch, Thuringian Minister of Economics, the haulage installation was enlarged and the construction of a new flotation plant was started in May 1948.
- b. According to the official Soviet Zone production plan for 1949 the production quota for the Oberboehmsdorf antimony ore mine is 265 tons in 1949, 65 tons more than indicated in this report. This quantity corresponds to 6.7 tons of pure antimony per quarter.

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